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ALEXANDRIA:

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 26, 1858.

Passage of the Appropriation Bills. It will be seen by a telegraphic dispatch, in another column, that the bills, heretofore passed by the House of Delegates, making appropriations to our railroads, have passed the Senate, and are now laws. The news was hailed with joy by our citizens, who, for several days have been kept in a state of suspense, and who, earlier in the day, yesterday, were somewhat discomfitted by the news of the defeat of these bills, on Wednesday, for the want of a constitutional majoriity. But the temporary shadows passed off, at the announcement of the glad tidings, and for a time "the passage of the bills" was the only subject of conversation on the streets, on in business circles. We again congratulate our people upon this most opportune and happy result. The "Republican" Party.

The evils that result from the organization of such a political party as the new "Repubcan party," are incalculable, and serious .-It has a direct tendency to divide the country into hostile sectional divisions-thus leading to Disunion. But besides this great, obvious and much deprecated condition, there are many minor, and yet important considerations connected with the existence of such a party, which the experience of every day is hundred thousand dollars in binding documaking more and more manifest. It pre- ments. The water ran through the floor into vents, for instance, that fair and just action on public measures, which honest men in the public service, would gladly take, if they were not driven off by the fear of aiding and assisrather let the proposition that he was op- ed." It has already been mentioned that the leading hostile to the government President has issued his proclamation for bject to this; but, after all, it is natural. So Kickapoo and Lecompton, Kansas Territory, o, in all matters of legislative detail. The in July next. The first sale at Kickapoo on dir opponents of the political tenets of the neeted with slavery) who would scrutinize its 756.446 acres, and on the 19th 656,511 acres, action on general measures, hold it to strict making an aggregate of 2,912,134 acres .--

the advantage of these Black Republicans. The question of Union or Disunion is one which the Black Republicans force upon the country, and let them say what they will, let them resort to what subterfuges they may, let them shelter themselves behind what pleas they may, they are the Disunionists!-To put them down, to scatter their forces, and to annihiliate their power is a work in which patriotic Whigs and Americans can unite with patriotic Democrats, without either of these parties giving up their principles or sacrificing their consistency.

We think it would be a very wise and discreet thing, if the Senate would take up and pass the House resolution for the adjournment of Congress in June. To have a day fixed up to which to work-would help busi ness very much. If a day for adjournment be resolved on, it would compel members who have measures to pass, to accommodate themselves and their plans to the time. Otherwise they cannot expect favorable action .-Besides, so weary is the country of agitation, and so satisfied are the people that the principal cause of disturbance lies in Congress, that an early adjournment would be very acceptable. Buncombe would be more conciliated by a vote to adjourn than by a speech. Is girl brought from Washington. The girl has not that a potent argument with the spouters to empty benches, and wearied and disgusted constituency?

of the Hotel buildings, at the Shannondale fact is creditable to the other papers, but not Springs. The Spirit of Jefferson says :-"The fire originated from a burning chimney, and so rapid was its progress, that all efforts to stay its course were unavailing. The entire buildings, the spot consecrated in the hearts of many of our citizens, by the remembrance of joyous hours and the recollections of friendships formed-the haunts "where 'erst the song and shout resounded," all now lie a mass of smouldering ruins. The loss to the company by the fire, may be estimated at from four to five thousand dollars, yet the depreciation of the property by the accident would place it at a higher figure."

The bill for the Strasburg Extension-a railroad from Strasburg to Winchester-has passed the House of Delegates, and, it is said, will, also, pass the Senate. This bill asks for no appropriation. If the Charter passes both Houses, it is said the road will be made, principally by capital from Baltimore, as the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is much interested in the scheme.

The ship Agamemnon, Captain Goodwin. was cleared at the Charleston Custom House. on the 17th instant, for St. Petersburg, having on board a cargo of 2,982 square bales of cotton, weighing 1,286,999 pounds. This expeeds the beaviest cargo ever carried in the same ship from New Orleans, to the extent of 177,000 pounds.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Col. A. S. Johnston (commanding the Utah expedition) as Brigadier General.

Mr. Kaufman, of Frederick, vindicates his bills, in a letter published in the Winchester Virginian. He says, he came to the Legislature with a determination to vote against until after a thorough investigation of the sion, was passed again. state of the finances, by the Finance Com-mittee, he there plainly saw that appropriations to the amount of two and a half millions of dollars could be made without an increase of taxation; and he Believed the true policy of Virginia to be, to make appropriations to works now in progress, that they may continue and push forward to completion, and the sooner be able to pay into the treasu-

ry-thereby lessening taxation. Mr. Cockerille, of Fairfax, in an explanation of his votes, on the bill making an appropriation for the Manassas Gap Railroad bill, said that in voting against appropriations for railroads up to that time was actuated not by hostility to any one of the improvements asking aid, but by a sense of duty to what he regarded as the interests of the State, at this time, in refusing any further drafts upon an almost exhausted Treasury. In this, however, he had been overruled. The judgment of the House had declared by the votes upon the Covington and Ohio Railroad, and the Orange and Alexandria bills, that appropriations are to be made. That beig the case, he thought it but just to those he represented who are deeply and personally interested in the Manassas and the Loudoun and Hampshire bills, to cast his vote in their favor, not because his judgment approved of the appropriations at this period, but because he thought if any such works were to receive aid in the present embarrassed state as much as any other; and consequently he was not willing that money should be appropriated to other works in other sections of the State and those in which his constituents were so much interested, be deprived

thereof by his vote. In New York, on Monday night, a faucet in the Street Commissioner's office, Hall of Records, was carelessly left running. The Register's office is situated directly underneath, and contains those volumes which have been recently bound by that costly commission which has already used up several the Register's office, and almost entirely destroyed fifty of those volumes, costly if not

The Charlestown Spirit says that "on Sunting the designs and purposes of those who day morning last, Mr. Amos Shepherd disappear to be bent upon weakening the bonds covered two men, supposed to be white, which should unite us as one people. A case leaving a large Straw Rick upon the land of in point is presented by Senator Iverson, of Mrs. Gordon, farmed by F. A. Lewis, esq., Georgia, who declared in the Senate, the and in a short time after, the entire rick was other day, that he was deterred from giving in flames. Owing to the wind blowing a other day, that he was deterred from giving gale at the time, the fire was swept across a wote, lest he might have to record it along field, and the adjoining woods were also with the Black Republican Senators. Of ignited. We learn that a large number of two evils he chose the lesser. He would rails and some valuable timber was destroy-

> the 5th July embraces 798,005 acres, and that on the 19th 701,082 acres. The sale at Lecompton on the 5th July will embrace bility, expose its errors, and thus These will be the first public sales of government lands in the Territory.

contribute to the general good, are constantly hampered by the fact, that a party to which Our exchanges come to us with announcethey are infinitely more opposed than they ments of business reviving and growing into activity almost beyond precedent. West of old principle. It has the provisions of the are to the Administration or to the Democratie party, may turn their course and labors to the Alleghanies we find unusual promise of a large spring trade. Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Chicago, including other towns and cities of the West are already in the full tide of increased trade.

A jury of the Circuit Court of Frederick county, Md., has, after a trial lasting three days, awarded the sum of \$10,000 damages and costs, in favor of the Rev. Moses A. Stewart and wife, and against Daniel Gaver who, it was charged, uttered certain scandalous and defamatory words against the chastity of Mrs. Stewart.

The steamer St. Lawrence, from Pittsburg for New Orleans, struck on the rocks near Pomeroy, Obio, on Sunday, and sunk. The poat was valued at \$20,000, and is a total loss. A portion of her cargo will be recovered, though in a damaged condition. No lives were lost.

Another accident has occurred on the Hudson River Railroad from the falling of a large rock from the ledge above the track .-Two cars were thrown from the track, but nebody was burt, except the engineer and firemen, slightly.

A Canadian named Finley, and his reputed wife, have been arrested in New Orleans for an attempt to kiduap and sell a free negro been returned to that city.

The Boston Bee claims to be the only paper in that city which "unqualifiedly endor-We have already mentioned the burning see" the removal of Judge Loring. The

> The first volunteer company under the new law has been organized in Staunton. Over fifty members are enrolled. Col. Wm. II. Harman has accepted the command, tem-

The bill to prevent public officers from accepting or using free passes on the railroads of the State, has passed the Senate of New Virginia. Last year one found in said local-

The Chicago Press has an advertisement, forty columns long, of lots in that city de- no good reason to doubt it. (?) linquent for taxes. This is attributed to the crushing effect of the late financial panic.

The New York Herald says that Ex-Mayor Wood is about to institute a suit against Horace Greeley, of the Tribune, containing the Society's Fair next fall. All necessaeven hundred and fifty counts!

A schooner from the Ruatan Islands, reports the massacre of 150 of the inhabitants by the Indians. Mr. Wm. Hord, of Fanquier county, a

very worthy and estimable man, died at his home last week, after a short illness.

A steam Fire Engine is about to be introduced in Baltimore. John Moler, esq., has been elected Presi-

dent of the Valley Bank, at Charlestown. Dr. D. Murphy has been appointed Paynaster at Harper's Ferry.

The bill for the admission of Minnesota into the Union, is now before the Senate.

Our readers will have seen by the proceedvotes in favor of the Internal Improvement ings of the State Senate, on Tuesday, that, by a close vote, the first of August has been fixed upon by that body as the day of Bank resumption; and that the bill prohibiting the every thing that would have a tendency to circulation of notes under \$10, after 1859, increase taxation, and persisted in that course and under \$20 after 1860, passed last ses-

Surgeon General Lawson, has written a letter to Senator Yulee, on the comparative salubrity of different regions of our vast country. The equability, temperature, &c., of the climate of Florida appears, by this valuable memoir, to give the palm to that interesting peninsula as a place of refuge for

A man named Manuel Serano, was seized, bound, and robbed in a house in Richmond, on Tuesday last. He was nearly choked to death when discovered-and all his money gone-about \$2000 in Spanish doubloons. John Noble and Mary G. Mull have been arrested on a charge of being concerned in the robbery.

The Union declares that, "if ever a political party was endowed with high Christian John, and with the wisdom, philosophy, boldness, and energy of Paul, it is the Democracy!" This, we expect, is going a little beyond what most of the Democracy would

Mr. Wm. II. Read, of Madison C. H., is under arrest, charged with burning, or of the Treasury, their condition required it causing to be burnt, last fall, his own shop, on which there was an insurance of \$1200.

The "revivals" of religion still continue at

Letter from Richmond. Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. RICHMOND, March 24, 1858 .- The House of Delegates have again concluded to hold night sessions, for the purpose of expediting the public business. Yesterday, the bill authorizing the extension of the Winchester and Potomac Railroad to Strasburg, after a sell where they can get the best price. Rehard fight, passed the House, 53 to 50. A motion was made in the night session to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, which failed. A motion was, also, made in the House this morning to ascertain whether the bill did not require a constitutional vote of 77, but the Speaker decided that it did not, and so the matter was dropped. It is believed that the bill will be defeated in the Senate, but this will be better known when the vote is taken. The anti-Internal Improvement party, backed by the North-West, are doing all they can to get the right-of-way for the North-Western Virginia Railroad, or other right-of-way further South, and, also, to prevent the passage of the House bills, making appropriations for Internal Improvements, which are now in the Senate. The House, to-day, has defeated the bills making subscriptions to the Coal River, the Central, and Richmond and Dasville Railroads, by decided majorities. It is evident that the appropriations have about run out for this session. What effect this will have on the bills in the Senate, it is hard to say. I presume, however, they will pass. The Richmond and Danville bill was reconsidered, appropriation struck out, and the bill passed, removing the restrictions. So the bill has passed, ayes 105, noes 14, while it is hard now to get over 60 votes for subscriptions. The House last night passed the Senate bill, incorporating the Sea Board Bank at Portsmouth. It is a bank on the

to borrowing money any more than Whigs and Americans, or those that do not belong to any party. To-night, the Oyster Fundum bill is the order of the night, and Mr. Paxton, the father of the bill, announces his speech. My opinion is, that it may pass; but I think the expense of collection will exceed the receipts. The House have made the Bank bills the order for Tuesday next, 30th inst., and will

individual liability clause, and the other

modern principles, which are just now in vogue, for every body now is acquainted with

Banking, and while ready to abuse the

banks, I do not know that Democrats object

do something. P. S. The following bills were defeated to-day in the Senate.

Authorizing a loan to the Orange and Alxandria Railroad Company. To increase the capital stock of the Manas-

sas Gap Railroad Company.

For a further subscription to the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad

Company. For the completion of the Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad. To increase the capital stock of the Rich-

mond and York River Railroad Company. These bills will, it is thought, however, pass at this session. A LOOKER ON.

The Largest Diamond in the World. The Cincinnati Times of Saturday says: We were waited upon yesterday, by Mr. G. P. Matthews, of Virginia, who exhibited to our astonished vision what he claims to be a dismond of the first water. It is about an inch and a balf in diameter, and nearly an inch in thickness. It is surpassingly brilliant, particularly when viewed by gas-light. Its estimated value is two million of dollars. (?) Mr. Matthews says he has been offered for it twenty-four thousand pounds. It was found by the father of its present possessor in the gold mines in Buckingbam county, Va.,

about seventy years since. It has remained in the rough state ever since, until a few weeks ago, when Mr. M. being satisfied by every test that it was in reality a diamond, took it to New York and had it dressed. This precious gem weighs 144 carats. The Koh-incor, if we remember. weighs but 100 carats. There have been several diamonds found in the gold regions of ity was sold at Richmond for \$4,500. Mr. M. is convinced that he is the propietor of the largest diamond in the world and we see

The Loudoun Fair.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Loudoun Agricultural Society was held in this town on Saturday last, for the purpose of taking the initiatory steps for ry preliminaries were arranged, and Wednesday and Thursday, the 15th and 16th of September, fixed upon as the time for holding the same. In due season the grounds will be handsomely and conveniently fitted up for the reception of all articles that may be offered for exhibition, and it is desirable that members should pay in their indebtedness at an early day, so that no delay may be occasioned from a want of funds .- Loudoun

A New Kind of Game,

The Philadelphia correspondent of the New York Dispatch gets off the following: "A new dodge was perpetrated in Second street market on Saturday. A young man named Jackson was arrested for violating the game laws. He glued cows' hair to the tails of wharf rats, and sold them for equirrels. The man who made the complaint was was carried off by the current which was very a gentleman from Germany."

In the Senate of Virginia, on Tuesday, the oint resolutions offered by Mr. Thomas, requiring merchants in the State to give to commissioners of the revenue a list of their goods, stating which are of the growth of Virginia, which are grown out of the State, and which in foreign countries: the furnishing of this statement to be one of the conditions of obtaining the license; were ta-

Mr. Thomas, in supporting the resolution said that it became the Assembly at this inneture of affairs with the North, to look into the revenue of the State and her trade. He said the Auditor of the Commonwealth, who was likely to know, had endorsed the practicability of the measure, and he hardly supposed any Senator would doubt its propriety and utility.

Mr. Catlett objected to the resolution, on the ground that no provision was made to the North had the lion's share of the Terricompensate the commissioner of the revenue or the extra labor in gathering the informa-

Mr. Ambler hoped the Senator from Gloucester, would not urge objections to the dctails of the plan at this time. There was a restriction was unenforced high purpose at the bottom of these resolutions. It was the first step in preparing Virginia for the position into which she was being forced by the North. The resolutions will enable us, through our license law, to withdraw from our enemies at the North the virtues, with the fidelity and honest faith of tribute which they are using to our own destruction. He hoped the patriotism of the commissioners of the revenue would incite them to the prosecution of this part of their

> Mr. Deneale favored the object, but regarded the plan as impracticable. To effect the object he would vote for a resolution appropriating \$5,000,000 for running steamers between Norfolk and France, but Le could not support "fanciful resolutions" which would be attended with no good results. Mr. Daughtrey regarded the plan as im-

racticable, and gave some illustrations. Mr. Claiborne spoke earnestly in favor of the resolutions, and announced his intention to call for the aves and nays on the resolutions, and see who was disposed to throw a damper on every effort at securing commer-

cial independence for the South. Mr. White said that he would vote for the resolutions, with some change. He did not believe empty and high-sounding resolutions will be of any benefit to us. Every people will buy where they can buy cheapest, and solutions will never build up a direct trade for the South, and he did not believe that any of us would live to see a direct trade, until the great Covington and Ohio Railroad -that will connect us with the far west-is completed. Appropriate all the means within the power of the State to finish this great work as speedily as possible, and then we will witness our harbors whitened with the sails from every quarter of the globe.

He hoped the Senate would prevent the wasting of the resources of the State upon mere local improvements, that will never pay a dividend, and put a stop to that most injurious system of log-rolling, which he leared would completely paralyze the best energies of the State. The treasury is attacked from all quarters, and he hoped the Senate would defeat the combination. He hoped the resolutions would not be indefinitev postponed, but that they be laid upon the table, in order that we may amend and per-

fect them. He moved to lay the resolutions on the

The motion was defeated. The resolutions were amended so as to make them applicable "as far as practicable." The resolutions were then indefinitely

postponed by the following vote:

Yates-19. Nors.-Messrs, Ambler, Bruce, Campbell,

Claiborne, Cobb, Deskins, McKenny, Old, Rives, Smith, of G, Thomas, Thompson, West, and White-14.

A Nice Individual.

Swindling Females - A man who gave the name of Thomas Smith, was arrested at Philadelphia, on Monday morning, by special officers Callahan and Carlin, on the barge of swindling a number of females. His plan of operation appears to have been

He would locate in some town, and take a fancy to some female, whom he would ascertain had some money. He would then pay attention to her, and represent that he was worth some \$30,000 or \$40,000 and owned a farm in some out of the way place. Under these representations, he would induce the woman to marry him and place in his hands the money she had, after which he would desert her.

In this manner be married an elderly lady. who was keeping a store at Manayunk. She sold out her store, and gave the proceeds, amounting to apwards of \$1000, to him. He gave the name of James R. Wilson, and, after obtaining the money, left his victim penniless.

A lady, at Trenton, was also swindled out of \$800 in the same manner. This time he went under the name of Boyton.

From a lady, residing in the lower section of the city, he obtained \$260 and a handsome gold watch. The latter he got under preence of getting it repaired. Here he went by the name of Thomas Smith. He also paid attention to Miss Carrigan,

who resided in the upper part of the city, but finding she had no money he did not ensnare her into his trap. The accused appears to have been operating all over the country. There are several other persons who have been taken in, in a similar

way, but the above are all that have been brought to light as yet, and are generally very sad cases. The accused was committed by Recorder Encu for a further hearing on Thursday next, at one o'clock. He is an Eastern man, about forty-five years of age, and weighs 250 pounds. He has dark hair and whiskers, and is prepossessing in his appearance.-

The forefinger of his left hand is cut off close .-- Phil. Bulletin. Brazil and Buenos Ayres.

Accounts have been received from Rio Janeiro to the 14th ultimo. Yellow fever continued to rage most violently, earrying off victims by the score daily. The dates from Pernambuco are to the 24th ult. The rainy season had subsided, and that city was bealthy. The first section of the railroad has been opened, and the Brazilians are delighted at beholding the transportation of ugar and passengers at the rate of twenty niles per hour. The commencement looks cheerful, and when the nest section is comploted the ride will disclose a scenery equal to any in Brazil. The city of Buenos Ayres on the 28th of January was in great commercial distress, many houses baving failed, and hides bringing an unusually low price.

Singular Accident. The St. Louis Republican of Monday states

that "on Thursday night, while the steamer Randolph was moored to the Illinois shore taking on freight, some miles below here, the bank, which was very high and supposed to have been underwashed by the late rise. caved in on her side, burying nine men, and breaking down some thirty feet of the guard. Eight were rescued unburt, the other, a Spaniard, name unknown, was lost. There is another of the deck-hands missing. It is feared that he was among the buried, and

In his speech on Saturday, Mr. Barksdale of Mississippi, demanded to know of the "Black Republicans" if they would have vory if all her people were in favor of it? Mr. Giddings said he would not vote to associate Ohio with another slave State.

Mr. Barksdale. Does the gentleman speak for his party? Mr. Giddings. I speak for the independent, thinking, humane portion of mankind

generally. [Laughter.] Mr. Stanton, of Ohio, said no Republican ould vote for a slave State north of 36° 30'. Mr. Barkesdale. Would they, south of it Mr. Stanton. A good many would.

Mr. Curtis, of Obio. Yes sir; I would. Mr. Barksdale said if no more slave States were to be admitted the South desired to and what do we see? know it. He read statistics to prove that tories, and that the expenditures of Government were made chiefly at the North.

Mr. Colfax, of Indiana, avowed frankly that he would not vote for the admission of another slave State so long as the Missouri

The Tennessee Banks.

It appears that the Legislature of Tennessee has passed a supplemental bank bill, which modifies in some respects the stringent provisions of the bill passed on the same subject early in the session. It postpones the time of acceptance by the suspended banks of the provisions of the law passed in January, until ninety days from this time; and also postpones the time of the retiring of small notes, those of the denomination of five dollars until January, 1859; of ten until January, 1860. It makes the resumption of specie payments by the Bank of Tennessee contingent upon the same action on the part of the Union and Planters' banks. It provides for the sale of \$400,000 worth of stock of the Union and Planters' banks for the establishment of branches of the State Bank at Memphis and Knoxville, provided that said stock shall not be sold under par. It allows the Bank of Tennessee and the proposed two street. Paudeen died on Monday. new branches, to deal in bills of exchange at their discretion.

The Sonora Rebellion. WASHINGTON, March 24 .- The overland mail, via El Paso and San Antonio, has arrived, bringing information, dated Angona, February 7th, stating that Gen. Gandara, the leader of the rebellion in Sonora, has been entirely successful, having defeated the government troops in several battles. At last accounts Gen. Gandara had surrounded Pes

his prisoners, and proclaimed that he would hang Perchiera if taken. Other letters say that the Fort Yuma and El Paso wagon road was progressing

chiera, the governor, so as to cut off all hopes

of his escape. Gandara had massacred all

The people of the Rio Grande are much interested in the success of the Arizona

The Indians were troublesome in the Mesilla valley, and a general attack was

The Christian Serenaders. From a statement in the Hartford Courant it appears that the revivalists of that city have adopted as a means of grace what they

term Christian Serenades. The Courant "Night before last, after the close of one of the young men's prayer meetings, about 10 or 12 o'clock, some thirty of the young men went to the house of one of their companions who was unwell, and standing together on the walk, sang several of those sweet, soul stirring revival songs and hymns that they sing at their meetings. There were none action .- N. Y. Commercial. Ayes .- Messrs. Braden, Caldwell, Catlett, but male voices -- and almost all of them being Day, Deneale, Flood, Floyd, French, Huddleson, excellent voices, the effect of the music as it came upon the still night air, was both touch serenaders complimented one or two other bouses, with a verse or two, in the same good

More Criminal Court Disclosures. A few days ago, in the Court of Over and Terminer, in Philadelphia, it was discovered that a jury had been packed. On Tuesday, another discovery was made that bills of in dictment against some parties for forging naturalization papers, had been stolen from the office of the Clerk of the Quarter Ses sions before the present clerk came into office These facts go to prove that the whole busi ness of our criminal courts, and of the offices connected with them, need reforming. When juries can be packed in open court, the seal of the court be appended fraudulently to naturalization papers, the parties who were guilty of these offences never brought to trial, and, finally, the bills of indictment stolen from the office of the Clerk of the Court, the reform cannot be commenced too soon!--

On his Guard.

We are reliably informed than when the Committee of the Common Council, says Porter's Spirit of the Times, who so dashingly captured Mahommed Pacha on his arrival in this city, took leave of him, Councilman Van Tine, of the committee, asked his Excellency when he expected to return to New York; whereupon the Rear-Admiral, after a cautious pause, replied that it was his impression he should return to Constantinople by the way of New Orleans. An eye witness informs us that the Rear-Admiral took occasion at that moment, as the Councilman's nead was turned, to suddenly put his right thumb to his nose, and as suddenly dropped his left eyelid! We are bappy to be able to say that the Rear-Admiral is safe in Washington, albeit he was haunted by our city officials even to that spot.

The Mormon War,

Sr. Louis, March 24 -A letter from Col. his march to Fort Scott, compliments his as words and actions can, manifested the intention that they will no longer submit to any government but their own, and that the people of the Union must either submit to a usurpation of their territory, and have a government in their midst, acknowledging no dependence upon or allegiance to the fed eral authority, or act with vigor and force to compel them to succumb. He expresses an earnest hope that every exertion may be made to forward supplies early in the spring, under a sufficient guard of mounted men.

Snakes in Winter.

During the coldest of the weather eight or ten days since, while the mercury was 14 degrees below the freezing point, and the earth covered with snow to the depth of 12 or 14 inches, Mrs. James Hughes killed on the Piper place, in the vicinity of Abingdon, in this State, two snakes crawling on the snow. One of them, says the Virginian, was a garter snake, three feet two inches long, and five and one-fourth inches in circumference, and the latter a black snake four feet long. The same day a little boy on the above place killed a water snake upwards of four feet in

Defalcation. Brotherson, the book-keeper of the Union

Bank, who, being detected in an embezzlement of over \$100,000, accounts for his crime by attributing it to the infatuations of gambling. This is the old method of all who plunge into crime, to secure a defence in the public sympathy. The truth is, that in nine cases out of ten, these heavy defalcations are prompted by licentious wastefulness, and gambling is only a minor and auxiliary cause. These pilfering rascals should be known for what they are .- N. Y. Spirit.

The extraordinary Religious Awakening which is now exerting so marked an influence that a hostile meeting took place Sunday at over almost the entire population of the counternoon beteen Captain Harry Maury, and ted for the admission of Kansas with slavesympathy of all who have observed and de- aves. The place of meeting, we further plored the progress of vice and immorality learn, was Deas' Mills, just beyond the Mis yielded to super-abounding grace, but on the not heard. contrary, while there are many instances of whose offences have not assumed a less violent | Captain Riviere are not regarded as danand bloody form. Look at the criminal re- gerous. cord in this community for the past week,

> Sunday, March 14 .- Isaac H. Smith, merchant, shot in the arm by Johnson, barkeeper of the drinking saloon, 388 Canal street, while accompanying his wife to church. Arm amputated—died on the fol-

> lowing Wednesday. Tuesday, March 16 .-- Joseph Kelly and Jno. Murphy stabbed by Patrick Lalor in the Thereupon he placed his hand on his side for porter house of Michael Byne, No. 169 1st avenue. Kelly since dead.

Mathias Gresser, a German dangerously lier stabbed a man a year ago, but came off scot free.

Wednesday, March 17 .- Dennis Reynolds killed by Christopher Reynolds (his brother) in Pacific st . Brooklyn. Mr. Moffit garroted and stabbed in Wash-

ington street. Thursday, March 18 .- Thomas Finch run over and killed by the cars on the 11th avenue. Riot in consequence. Train of cars and posse of police assailed by show-

ers of stones, &c. Saturday, March 20 .- Frank G. Q Umstead

attempted to shoot Wm. II. Barnes at 14 Wall street. Patrick McLaughlin, alias "Paudeen," shot by Daniel Cunningham at 22 Howard

Certainly such a catalogue indicates the necessity for a reformation both wide and deep. In the meantime some very good people are apprehensive that the daily prayer meetings and extraordinary labors and zeal of the Christian Ministers of all denominations in this city, are producing an "excitement," as they choose to term it, which may be fraught with evil consequences. These excellent people forget the zeal and activity manifested by the Agent of Evil among his followers. More than three hundred years ago his untiring energy was thus set forth in St. Paul's, London, by the "Reverend Father Master Hugh Latimer," as he was quaintly called. Said he: "The Devil is the most diligent preacher of all others; he is never out of his diocese; he is never from his cure, ye shall never find him unoccupied; he is ever to that of Jesus Christ, and yet, says in his parish; he keepeth residence at all times; ye shall never find him out of the way, call for him when you will he is ever at home; the diligentest preacher in all the realm; he s ever at his plough, no lording nor loitering can hinder him; he is ever applying his business; ye shall never find him idle I war-This likeness, depicted in such nervous old English, will stand for a portrait in this day and in this city; and no alarm should be felt when those whose mission it is to urge to repentance and reformation, awake from a lethargy which has long fettered them, and arouse to an activity having some proportion to that of their great adversary. The "excitement" we have no fears of. All reformations, whether political or moral, are marked by it, and such excitement as is manifested, indicates nothing beyond healthy flecting upon this sad state of affairs Mt.

Affray in a Court-Rooom.

The Paulding (Miss.) Clarion furnishes Richmond, Stuart, Warth, Welch, Wooding, and ing and grand. Before going home, the the following particulars of a tragic affair that occurred lately at Greenboro, in that State: A case was being argued before the Probate Judge in which Wm. Brantley, esq., represented one side and Mesers. Nowland and T W Davis the other. In the course of his argument Brantley became very personal and said that Nowland and Davis were both God d-d rascals, who would steal, &c., &c. An angry altercation of course ensued, when drew a pistol and presented it at Brantley Nowland, who dared him to fire, saying that he was not excited. Brantley told him to go and arm himself, upon which he started out of the room. As he turned to leave, Brantley kicked him, when Nowland stabbed him in the side. The wound was considered mortal, and Brantley was borne to his residence, where he made his will. On recovering from his agitation, however, he was found to be less injured than was at first supposed. recovery was nevertheless considered very doubtful at last accounts. On the following morning, as Nowland was going to his breakfast, he was waylaid and shot by Brant- tant, to large bodies, the responsibilities ley's brother, who immediately made his es-

The Great Southern Route.

The New Orleans Bulletin says: -The anticipation of a new and speedy com munication between New Orleans and New York may now be entertained with the prospect of being soon realized. On the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad, a gap of only twenty-three miles remains to be completed between Jackson and New Orleans, and it is confidently believed that it will be closed up by the middle of this month. This will leave only eighty miles of unfinished road between Memphis and New Orleans .--On the East Tennessee and Virginia road a gap of only eighteen miles remains to be completed, which is the only break in the railroad connection between New York and Memphis, and the work of closing that up is going vigorously on. Thus the prospect is. that by the lat of April, there will remain Johnston of the Utah expedition, describes considerably less than a hundred miles of road to be constructed to complete the vast troops, and says the Mormons have, as fully | continuous railroad line between New York and New Orleans.

Sharp Practice.

About two weeks ago a "knapsack pedlar" went into Black Hole Valley, in this county, with a large lot of watches and jewelry, and succeeded in selling and trading off a large quantity of his trash to the honest and unuspecting citizens of the valley. After disposing of all he could, he took the balance of his stock and pledged it with Mr. Hess for \$45, promising to return in about a week to redeem it. The week elapsed, but instead of returning as he promised, he was followed by through the Legislature, it may be another individual, doubtless a confederate, who claimed all the property, alleging that additions to it; and it seems proper it had been stolen, and the persons with whom he had succeeded in trading were made to believe that all was fair, and gave up the property, with a single exception .--This is but one of the many games now played by the "charpers," and for the future should cause our citizens to be very careful the proper quarter. how they deal with strangers .- Muncy (Pa.)

Virginia Historical Society. At the last annual meeting the following officers were unanimously elected for the current year :

President-Hon. Wm. C. Rives, Vice Presidents-Hon. James M. Mason, Wm. H. Macfarland, esq., Hon. John Y. Mason.

Corresponding Secretary and Librarian-Dr. Wm. P. Palmer.

Recording Secretary-Andrew Johnson. Treasurer - Jaquelin P. Taylor. Executive Committee-Conway Robinson, Chairman; Gustavus A. Myers, Thos. T. Giles, Arthur A. Morson, Thomas H. Ellis, old stand. Geo. Wythe Randolph, H. Coalter Cabeil.

An Affair of Honor. We learn, says the Mobile Advertiser among all classes and conditions of men. In sissippi line, and the weapons havy revol-

our midst abounding sin has by no means vers. The cause of the difficulty we have Two shots were exchanged, neither of Carthe most radical reformation in the character tain Riviere's taking effect. Captain Man and habits of individuals, they are but as ry's first shot struck a half dollar piece straglers from the grand army of the vicious in his antagonist's vest pocket, and the sec and deprayed, whose ranks afford no sensible | ond pierced his cheek, and the ball lodged evidence of diminution in numbers, and in the roof of his mouth. The wounds of

The Mobile Mercury of the 19th says of the duel: - Both parties were to commence firing at the word "Fire," and thereafter to fire at will and advance at will until either of the se onds should cry "stop." Upon the word be his adversary received a ball above the right hip, which moved him out of his position .a moment, as though in pain, while Capt. Maury cocked his pistol and remained appar ently waiting his further action. Very soon, stabbed by Peter F. Duhlier in a Dutch however Capt. DeRiviere seemed to recorns dance house 259 West 39th street. Dub- cocked his pistol, aimed at Maury, and fired his second shot immediately before Maury fired his. Maury's second shot took effect in DeRiviere's cheek, and he had taken his aim for a third fire when Mr. Girard, the second of DeRiviere, cried "stop," upon which Capt Maury lowered his pistol and handed it to his second. [All this appears to be great Tom-foolery.

The Family of Joe Smith.

A correspondent of the Missouri Republic can gives an account of the family of Jos Smith, the founder of Mormonism, whom he had visited at their residence, near Nauvo Illinois. The widow is now married to a man named Bitoman. She is a nutive of New York, and a masculine, intelligent look ing woman of forty-five or forty-seven years. She has a splendid farm some four miles from Nauvoo, which is managed by her two elder soos, while David goes to school. About the two eldest there is nothing remarkable to be seen. They are intelligent men of large size but have nothing in their appearance betoken ing them to be prophets, or "sons of a prophet." To their mother they are said to be very much attached and very kind. David is an uncommonly intelligent lad, of massis forehead, and bright, expressive eyes. Il step-father intimated that he cares as his about Mormons and Mormonism, as on that never heard the names, notwithstan ing that thousands of the followers of h father believe him to be a great high-pris a prophet and seer, (in embryo) &c. knows that they worship his name equ writer, I am told the lad is too intelligent allow it to make any impression upon his Probably the fact of all the family being believers in it is the cause.

An Ugly Picture.

Jno. W. Forney, the editor of the Philadelphia "Press," gives in his paper a har ble picture of the proscriptive operations the Administration. It seems that the gul lotine is at work with terrible activity, d capitating members every day, and accoring to Mr. Forney, it is not as in former time those who are out of the Democratic fold who are losing their heads, but the "bold and upright Democrats who dare to think aloud," are the first to feel the weight and keenness of the glittering blade." In re-

Forney writes with painful emotion: "I can hardly believe my senses that I am writing from the Capital of my country, and that my old friend-he to whom I have borne almost filial relations from my to whom I have confided my few hopes a fears-he for whom I dared the frownfoes and for whom, during four long years the lower House of Congress, the patrons, in my gift was fearlessly bestowed, and knows bow gladly and how spontaneous too-I can hardly believe my senses, this this is the city of Washington and that Jas.

Buchanan is President." This is certainly a bad business, but we

not know that we ought to complain .- B Patriot. COMMUNICATE It is to regretted that the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, appointing a committee of two, to urge the claims of Alexandra regard to the National Foundry, was defer ed, by an enlargement of the committee in the

other branch. Large committees are object icctionable in many respects. In committing interests, however impa too much divided to insure prompt and cient action. One waits for another, and the end nothing is done. When duties devolved upon one or two, the responsi is greater, and, as a consequence, the

more decided and earnest. Besides, by the course of the Comm Council, the whole matter has been dela for two weeks, whilst the necessity for im

diate action is obvious to every body. This delay upon a subject of such concern to Alexandria, is much to b plored. Congress will hardly suppose we are much interested in the matter. the authorities of the city appear so in ent about it, as to allow action to be ed, if not defeated, by a disagreement tween the two boards as to the size of a co mittee.

Some action ought to be had at once some quarter. I COMMUNICATE

AMENDED CHARTER. - By the notice of subject in yesterday's Gazette, it app that since the bill to amend the Charter this city was sent down, by order of the Council, to the member of the House of egates and Senator, representing the the Legislature of the State, provisions been inserted in regard to "contested tions between officers of the city elect the people, and enlarging the qualit of voters as to the general offices.

As it is not stated that these add have been made by amendments pr in the usual way, in the progress of who has taken the responsibility attention to these changes as soon ced, so that if any difficulty thrown in the way of the adoption amended Charter, when submitted people for their ratification or rejectiresponsibility for such changes may

Predictions as to the Fisheries, art predictions as to the Crops. No ma tell what a day or an hour may bring It is every way to be hoped that the season will be a good one-but there ing at present from which we can judg it is to turn out. We are a little later usual-and the weather to day, is favorable.

TEW SPRING GOODS.-We are ceiving and opening our supply of GOODS, and would call the attention of and country customers, to the very great ments which we are now offering, at her old stand.

J. F & L. A LARAN